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FM USLO PEKING
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0632
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: CDES, CH (MANSET, MARTHA)

SUBJ: DEATH OF US CITIZEN IN PRC

REF: PEKING 1253 AND PREVIOUS

1. ROBERT ARMSTRONG CONTACTED USLO AND ADVISED THAT MRS. MANSET DIED LAST NIGHT, MAY 4, 1978 AT 2130 HOURS AT THE NANNING HOSPITAL. HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES WILL PERFORM AUTOPSY, BUT WOULD LIKE TO RECONFIRM THAT NEXT OF KIN PREFER CREMATION TO LOCAL BURIAL IN NANNING. ARMSTRONG IS NOW ARRANGING FOR SHIPMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS FROM NANNING TO PEKING WITH CHINA'S CAAC, AND FROM PEKING TO NEW YORK VIA TOKYO WITH PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL (PIA).

PIA PEKING STATION MANAGER STATES THAT HE CAN ARRANGE A DIRECT AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS BY NEXT FRIDAY, MAY 12 SHOULD NOK SO DESIRE.

2. ARMSTRONG DESCRIBED THE VERY MOVING MEMORIAL SERVICE WHICH THE CHINESE ARRANGED FOR MRS. MANSET. A FLOWER ENWREATHED ENLARGEMENT OF HER PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH HAD BEEN SET UP IN THE HOTEL RECEPTION ROOM AND LEADING
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MEMBERS OF THE CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE IN NANNING DELIVERED A VERY MOVING AND GENUINELY SINCERE EULOGIES FOR THE DECEASED. THE TRAVEL SERVICE IS ALSO PUTTING TOGETHER A PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUM OF THE SERVICE FOR THE COMFORT OF THE NEXT OF KIN.

3. ARMSTRONG REQUESTS MRS. KRIEDEL (NOK) TO ARRANGE PAYMENT FOR

AIR SHIPMENT THROUGH GENERAL TOURS IN NEW YORK. GENERAL TOURS IS ABLE TO MAKE DIRECT PAYMENTS INTO CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE'S BANK ACCOUNTS THROUGH TRAVEL INDUSTRY CHANNELS THUS FACILITATING PAYMENT.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO BOTH MRS. KRIEDEL AND GENERAL TOURS (PEKING 1209). WOODCOCK

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